

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 462
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
issues relative to cellular telephones in
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, as telecommunications technology continues to advance, the use of cellular telephones by Tennesseans has continued to escalate at an astounding rate; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly's concern for and interest in the societal ramifications of cellular communications and technology are no recent phenomena, as evidenced by the passage of Public Chapter No. 869 of 1984; and

WHEREAS, since the General Assembly last visited this issue some twelve years ago, there have been significant advances in cellular technology, and the services offered to the public by the cellular telephone service industry have substantially changed; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the enactment of various federal statutes has also affected the provision of services by the cellular telephone industry; and

WHEREAS, this timely and important issue is of concern to many Tennesseans, and it should be carefully studied and evaluated by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,
That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relative to cellular telephones in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be constituted as follows:

three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

three (3) members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

one (1) member of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, to be appointed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

two (2) representatives of the Tennessee cellular telephone industry, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury shall provide staff assistance to the special joint committee upon request by the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary from among the legislative members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundredth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.